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Board of EMS Meeting
Maine EMS Conference Room
May 1, 2002

MINUTES

Members Present: Leo Bouchard (chair), Jim McKenney, Robert Ashby, Kevin Kendall, Penelope Stevens, Peter DiPietranonio, Oden Cassidy, Sue Young, Paul Knowlton, Richard Doughty, Bill Dunwoody, John Burton (ex-officio)

Regional Coordinators: Joanne LeBrun, Donnie Carroll

Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Dwight Corning, Drexell White, Dawn Kinney, Laura Yustak Smith, Esq. (AAG)

Guest: Mike Grant, Training Coordinator, Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

1. Introduction of Guests

Mike Grant, MEMA, introduced himself to the group. Mike is the training coordinator with MEMA and has extensive experience in EMS and fire fighting. Following the Board's business meeting, he will be conducting a training session on WMD/Terrorism Awareness.

2. Approval of March 6, 2002 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the February 7, 2001, as presented (Dunwoody; second by Little) Unanimous

3. Old Business

a. Legislation

Jay reported that on the closing day of the Legislative session, a hearing and work session were conducted on the Joint Order submitted by Rep. Edgar Wheeler (R – Bridgewater) to add a representative of Maine fire chiefs to the Board of EMS. This bill was passed and signed by Gov King (effective date: July 21, 2002) MFCA President Chief Roy Woods (Caribou FD) has asked Chief Lorin Lecleir (Orono) to be the MFCA representative and Chief Lecleir will be submitting his name to the Governor's office.

4. New Business

a. Investigations Committee Action Items

MOTION: To enter Executive Session to discuss a possible terms for a consent agreement. (Cassidy; second by Doughty) Unanimous

Executive session started at 9:45.

MOTION: To exit Executive Session. (Stevens; second by Dunwoody) Unanimous
Executive Session ended at 9:50.

MOTION: The Board authorizes the Office of the Attorney General to negotiate a consent agreement with Robert McConnell (hereinafter referred to as "the Licensee") for the voluntary surrender of his Maine EMS license, which is license #14230; that the agreement must include findings by Maine EMS regarding McConnell's theft of a medication from a patient; that any subsequent application by the Licensee must include substance abuse evaluation and counseling at the Licensee's expense; that all records, reports and correspondence of the aforementioned substance abuse evaluation and counseling must be made available to the Board by the Licensee; that Board review of any subsequent application submitted by the Licensee must include, but not be limited to, information obtained from the substance abuse evaluation and counseling; and that the Board authorizes the Office of the Attorney General to file a complaint in District Court for the revocation of the Licensee's Maine EMS license should any of the parties fail to enter into a consent agreement in this matter (Motion by Kendall; second by Dunwoody. Unanimous.)

b. Annual EMS Awards

Jay reported on the names that were selected by the Awards Committee as follows:
Governor's Award: Larry Hopperstead, MD (CMMC); Excellence in EMS Awards to: Timothy Amadon, EMT-P (Redington Fairview EMS), Alison Cowen, RN (Maine Coast Hospital), Jeri Kahl (MHIC), and Brian Mullis, EMT-P (Mayo Hospital EMS); Lifetime Achievement Awards: Richard Haisch, EMT (Sidney Rescue), Arlene Greenleaf, EMT-I (Bethel Rescue), Marlene Levesque, EMT-P (Van Buren), and Wayne Seeley, EMT (Dennysville); EMS Merit Awards to: Alan Carr (Stoneham Rescue), Barbara Drake, EMT-I (Unity Ambulance), David Grant, EMT (New Sharon Rescue), Troy Lare, EMT-P (Bangor Fire Dept), Michael Normand, EMT-I (North Berwick Rescue) and Lebanon (ME) Rescue Squad.

The awards ceremony will be held in the State House Hall of Flags on Wednesday, May 22 @ 1:30 PM. Kay Rand, Governor King's Chief of Staff, will be the keynote speaker.

5. Staff Reports

a. MDPB

Dr. Burton reported that a subcommittee of the MDPB will be meeting to discuss the activation of LifeFlight of Maine. The new protocol books are at the printer and are scheduled for delivery to MEMS in early June. The effective date for the protocols will be of July 1, 2002. The next meeting of the MDPB is scheduled for May 15 @ 9:30AM.

6. Other

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM to conduct training session on Weapons of Mass Destruction and Terrorism Awareness.